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1. MID MAY TIME MAGAZINE WILL PUBLISH SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL EDITION COVERING IN YOU-ARE-THERE FASHION EVENTS FIRST WEEK JULY 1776. ISSUE, WHICH WILL FEATURE A PICTURE THOMAS JEFFERSON ON COVER, WILL BE ABOUT 82 PAGES INCLUDING 40 COLOR EDITORIAL PAGES. EVENTS SURROUNDING DECLARATION INDEPENDENCE AND OTHER OCCURRENCES OF WEEK DESCRIBED IN TYPICAL TIME STYLE. ARTICLES ARE FACTUAL AND INFORMATIVE WITH INTERESTING DETAILS PROVIDED ALONG WITH WORLD-SHAKING EVENTS. AS WITH ALL ISSUES TIME, WORLD AFFAIRS, PERSONAL-UNCLASSIFIED

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ITIES, SCIENCE, MEDICINE, RELIGION, EDUCATION AND OTHER TOPICS

COVERED. THUMBNAIL PROFILES MAJOR PERSONALITIES -- WASHINGTON, TOM PAINE, ETHAN ALLEN, KING GEORGE AMONG OTHERS -- ARE INCLUDED ALONG WITH CHRONOLOGY ANGLO-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND OTHER FEATURES. READERS ARE DIVERTED BY SUCH MATTERS AS CAPRICES OF CATHERINE THE GREAT, EFFORTS TO MEET GRIM THREAT OF SMALLPOX, WOMEN'S FASHIONS OF DAY AND BOOK REVIEWS ADAM SMITH'S "THE WEALTH OF NATIONS" AND FIRST VOLUME GIBBON'S "DECLINE AND FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE." IT IS ALL VERY JOURNALISTIC BUT MOST INFORMATIVE AND QUITE WELL SUITED FOR PRESENTATIONS OR PROGRAMMING IN CONNECTION WITH BICENTENNIAL.

2. SPECIAL ISSUE WILL COST \$1.00 IN U.S. AND SOMEWHAT MORE OVERSEAS. AGENCY HAS BEEN OFFERED MAGAZINE, PRINTED ON COVER-WEIGHT PAPER, AT 80 CENTS PER COPY, INCLUDING SHIPPING AND HANDLING. POSTS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING COPIES SHOULD INFORM AGENCY NUMBER DESIRED, PROVIDING ID NUMBER, BY APRIL 30. KISSINGER

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